

**Remarks**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and further examination are requested.

Claims 9-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hosobane (JP 05-243614).

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 9-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. As a result, all the pending claims are now allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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